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## **Sen. Basham Announces Local Emerald Ash Borer Grants**

**Taylor, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Riverview And Wayne To Receive Funds**

LANSING- State Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) announced today that several local communities will be receiving federally funded grants to help combat the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) threat. The communities of Taylor, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Riverview and Wayne will be eligible for over \$78,000 in financial and technical assistance in support of tree planting projects.

“The Emerald Ash Borer has had a devastating impact on our environment killing more than 15 million ash trees in our region since 2002,” said Sen. Basham. “These grants will allow our local communities to recover from the ash borer blight and help revitalize our parks and green spaces.”

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources administers these federally funded grants as part of the state’s cooperative effort to respond to the EAB damage. State officials expect this announcement to represent the beginning of what is anticipated to be a multi-year tree planting assistance program, contingent upon continued federal funding.

“Replacing the trees lost in our parks, forests, and recreational areas helps mitigate the damage done by the Emerald Ash Borer and is an important factor in maintaining a high quality of life in Southeast Michigan,” said Basham.

